

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of the claims.

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LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1- 33 (canceled).

Claim 34 (new). A compressed, layered pharmaceutical tablet formed in a tablet die having an embossed bottom tablet punch and a top tablet punch, said tablet comprising

one or more layers of a powder or granulation composition containing an effective amount of one or more active drugs, wherein said active drug-containing composition is filled into the tablet die wherein the embossed bottom tablet punch forms a divided active bottom layer or layers, said bottom layer or layers being tamped using the top tablet punch to provide first and second unitary segments each having a level top surface following said tamping; and

one or more layers of a second powder or granulation composition containing either an undetectable amount of drug or a pharmacologically ineffective amount of drug, wherein said second composition is filled onto the level top surface of said first and second unitary segments in the tablet die, said second composition forming an undivided, non-unitary inactive top segment having a bottom and top surface, wherein only the bottom surface contacts said level top surfaces of said first and second unitary active segments,

wherein the bottom active unitary segments and top inactive non-unitary segment are compressed to form a whole tablet, said tablet being divisible by breaking through the inactive non-unitary segment, without breaking of the first and second unitary segments,

wherein the terms “bottom” and “top” refer to the orientation of the tablet in the tablet die during compression.

Claim 35 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which one or more additional unitary segments in addition to said first and second unitary segments are optionally present and are derived from the same layer or layers as said first unitary segment.

Claim 36 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which the top inactive segment contains no more than 10 parts per million of the concentration of the drug or drugs present in said first unitary and said second unitary active segments.

Claim 37 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which the top inactive segment contains no more than 10% of the concentration of drug or drugs present in the first unitary segment and said second unitary segment.

Claim 38 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which the top inactive segment contains no more than 2% the concentration of drug present in the first unitary segment and said second unitary segment.

Claim 39 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which said top inactive segment is derived from a granulation that does not contain a drug.

Claim 40 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which additional unitary segments which are compositionally different from the composition of said first unitary segment and said second unitary segment and are derived from a granulation containing a drug.

Claim 41 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which said first unitary segment and said second unitary segment are outer segments.

Claim 42 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which said drug or drugs is or are pharmacologically effective in the treatment of cardiovascular conditions, psychiatric conditions, diabetes, thyroid disorders, pain or thrombotic disorders.

Claim 43 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 44 in which said drug is warfarin.

Claim 44 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 44 in which said drug is digoxin.

Claim 45 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 44 in which said drug is levodopa.

Claim 46 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which said first segment adjoins a plurality of unitary segments on the side of said first segment that is opposite the surface adjoining said first and second unitary segments.

Claim 47 (new). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 in which a second segment which contains a drug adjoins said first segment on the side opposite the side where said first and said second unitary segments are located.

Claim 48 (new). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 34 wherein said tablet is broken by applying force to said first and said second unitary segments to cause the tablet to break through said first segment.

Claim 49 (new). A method of breaking a tablet as in claim 48 that comprises first breaking said tablet through said first segment to obtain a tablette that contains part of said first segment plus unitary segments and thereafter breaking said tablet between said first and said second unitary segments so that the tablet breaks substantially completely within said first segment.

Claim 50 (new). A method of administering a partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet, said method comprising breaking a pharmaceutical tablet according to claim 34 by breaking said tablet through said first segment to form two or more tablettes each containing a unitary segment and having a patient, other person, or other animal in need thereof ingest a tablette containing a unitary segment.

Claim 51 (new). A method of administering a partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet, said method comprising breaking a pharmaceutical tablet according to the method of claim 48 and having a patient, other person, or other animal in need thereof ingest a tablette formed by said breaking.